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SUBJ: WCIWY - SOVIET WOMEN EXPECTED TO ATTEND IWY CONFERENCE

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1. EMOBFF (P&C TAYLOR) ACCOMPANIED GROUP OF U.S. GOVERNORS' WIVES ON MAY 19TH VISIT TO SOVIET COMMITTEE FOR WOMEN, OF WHICH SOVIET COSMONAUT VALENTINA TERESHKOVA IS CHAIRWOMAN. SOVIETS, INCLUDING TERESHKOVA, EXHIBITED INTENSE INTEREST IN U.S. PLANS FOR IWY CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN MEXICO AND SEEMED DISAPPOINTED TO LEARN GOVERNORS' WIVES BASICALLY UNINFORMED ON U.S. PROPOSALS.

2. EMBOFF TOOK ADVANTAGE OF GENERAL DISCUSSION OF IWY TO ASK HOW MANY SOVIET WOMEN EXPECTED TO ATTEND CONFERENCE, (REFTEL, PARA 3) BUT RECEIVED VAGUE ANSWER THAT DECISION WOULD BE MADE QUOTE LATER ENDQUOTE. FURTHER PRODDING REVEALED NOTHING OF PROPOSALS ON SOVIET AGENDA OR ISSUES THEY PLAN TO DISCUSS AT CONFERENCE.

3. AS MEETING TOOK PLACE UNDER WATCHFUL EYE OF TERESHKOVA,
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WHO SKILLFULLY STEERED CONVERSATION AWAY FROM DELICATE

SUBJECTS, IT CAN BE HOPED FURTHER CONVERSATIONS WITH OTHER
MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS WILL REVEAL CONCRETE INFORMATION ON
COMMITTEE'S IQY CONFERENCE PLANS. EMBOFF WAS WARMLY INVITED
BACK TO DISCUSS ISSUES OF COMMON INTEREST, WHILE MANY SOVIET
WOMEN EXPRESSED REGRET THAT CONTACT WITH U.S. EMBASSY HAS
BEEN MINIMAL IN THE PAST. POST WILL ADVISE ON FUTURE
DEVELOPMENTS.
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